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SUBJECT: NY TIMES COMMENTS ON TANKER SAFETY PACT

FOLLOWING NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF FEBRUARY 25, 1977 IS  
PROVIDED FOR INFO:

BEGIN TEXT: MANILA, FEB. 24 (AP)--MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE  
BEGIN TEXT: MANILA, FEB. 24 (AP)--MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE  
AND INDONESIA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TODAY ON SAFETY MEASURES  
TO PREVENT TANKERS GROUNDING AND COLLIDING IN THE SHIPPING  
LANE BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE FAR EAST.

SHIPPING SOURCES SAID THE PROCEDURES COULD RAISE THE PRICE  
OF MIDDLE EAST OIL TO FAR EASTERN CUSTOMERS BY INCREASING  
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THE SHIPPING TIME AND INSURANCE COSTS.

THE 12-POINT AGREEMENT APPLIES TO THE 500-MILE-LONG STRAIT  
OF MALACCA BETWEEN THE WEST COAST OF MALAYSIA AND THE  
INDONESIAN ISLAND OF SUMATRA, AND THE ADJOINING SINGAPORE  
ISLAND, WHICH IS A MAJOR PORT FOR TANKERS AND SUPERTANKERS.

A STATEMENT SAID THE AGREEMENT MADE PROVISION FOR A  
QUOTE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME UNQUOTE IN CRITICAL AREAS  
OF THE STRAITS THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS IN NAVIGATIONAL AIDS  
AND FACILITIES, A DETOUR OF 25-30 MILES FROM TRADITIONAL  
ROUTES TO A DEEP-WATER ROUTE IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT AND A  
SPEED LIMIT OF 12 KNOTS IN CRITICAL AREAS, WHICH SHIPPING  
SOURCES SAID WAS SIGNIFICANTLY SLOWER THAN USUAL.

THE AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED LAST DECEMBER AND SIGNED  
TODAY BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE THREE NATIONS, WHO ARE  
ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
NATIONS. END TEXT.

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